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## Corps Keeping Close Watch on Cumberland River Basin

**NASHVILLE, TENN., Apr. 4, 2008** – The Corps of Engineers, Nashville District

released today it has implemented flood damage reduction operations at the Cumberland River Basin system of reservoirs. Excessive amounts of rainfall over the past two days has caused streams in the area to swell and in some cases, has pushed the flow in these streams beyond flood stage. While flows in the Cumberland River have gone up substantially over the past couple of days, the damage centers along the Cumberland River are not expected to exceed flood stage with the possible exception of Clarksville.

The Cheatham Lock has been closed due to the high flows present in the Cumberland River. The lock will remain closed until the flows drop down to a safe level. This should occur sometime early next week. Lake Barkley and Kentucky Lake are being used to store water to reduce flood damages on the lower Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. Pool levels may reach their highest levels since May 2003.

The National Weather Service has issued flood watches, advisories, and warnings as appropriate to warn citizens of the potential dangers of flooding at several locations within the Cumberland River Basin.

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# To Better Serve The Public

The public should use caution and adhere to the advice of local emergency management officials before going on area lakes or rivers. If you must be on the water, please operate your watercraft at a safe speed and always wear a US Coast Guard approved Personal Floatation Device.